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EECS considers 6-M major

Course 6 variant would focus on medical devices

By Tushar Kamath
STAFF REPORTER

This year's new 6.S02 survey course is a first foray into what is proposed to be the new 6-M ("6-Medical") major within Course 6 (Electrical Engineering and Computer Science). 6.02 (Intro to EECS II) is a required lab class for Course 6 majors, but was not taught this spring. In its place appeared 6.S02, Intro to EECS II from a Medical Technology Perspective, which will also be the only 6.02 option next Spring. The new 6-M major has gained

popularity as a concept among students currently enrolled in 6.S02, though the class has also garnered criticism from enrolled students about how the class is taught — because the class is in its first iteration, there are still many kinks to iron out.

According to Course 6 Department Head Anantha P. Chandrakasan, the idea of a 6-M major came about as a way to make coursework reflect current research. Chandrakasan says that much of the research in Course 6 deals with medical applications of some sort. Professor Jacob K. White added that

approximately 35 percent of the EECS faculty researches medical devices and its applications, and that there are "a lot of people from hospitals who are excited about collaborating with us." He stated that the intent of 6.S02 is to introduce undergraduates to a field of research and better connect students to current faculty research.

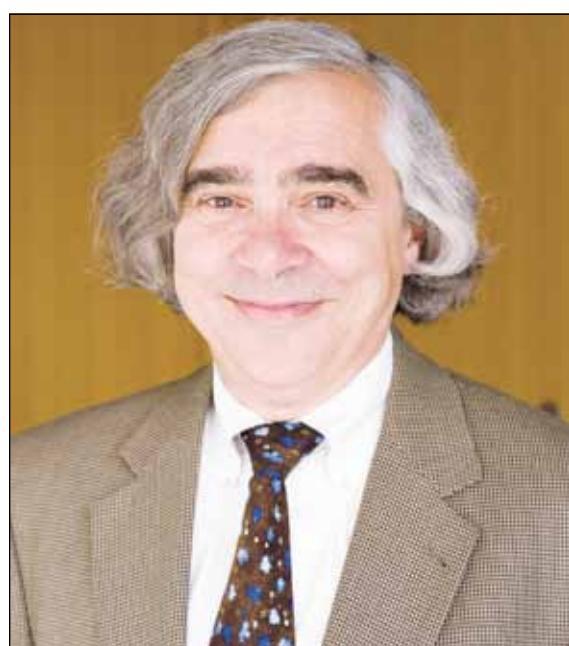
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The potential new 6-M major may also add newer courses, while still maintain-

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Obama nominates Moniz

Energy Initiative head to be next secretary of energy



COURTESY OF MIT ENERGY INITIATIVE

Ernest J. Moniz, physics professor and director of the MIT Energy Initiative, was nominated Secretary of Energy by President Obama on Monday.

By Leon Lin
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

On Monday, President Obama nominated MIT's Ernest J. Moniz as the next secretary of energy. He will replace Steven Chu, who announced last month that he would resign. Only in the past decade have scientists occupied the position. If confirmed by the Senate, Moniz, a physicist, would continue that pattern.

"Ernie knows that we can produce more energy and grow our economy while still taking care of our air, our water and our climate," Obama said at the nomination ceremony.

Moniz, a physics professor, has been the director of the MIT Energy Initiative since its formation under President Hockfield in 2006. But Moniz also knows his way around Washington, having served as Undersecretary of Energy from 1997 to 2001 under President Clinton.

Observers have noted Moniz's pragmatic approach when it comes to the interplay between energy, the economy, and the environment. Moniz has advocated a carbon

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Former Senator Scott Brown visits MIT



CHRISTOPHER A MAYNOR—THE TECH

Former U.S. Senator Scott Brown speaks at a talk hosted by the MIT College Republican Club on Tuesday evening in the Wong Auditorium. Brown, the first Republican elected to the U.S. Senate from Massachusetts since 1972, focused mainly on the need for more moderation and compromise in Washington based on his experiences there.

IN SHORT

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. this Sunday. Don't forget to add an hour to all of your clocks so you're not living in the past!

The Parking and Transportation Office will be running shuttles to Logan Airport for spring break. They will run on Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23 and cost \$10. Advance registration is required at <http://web.mit.edu/facilities/transportation/shuttles/airport.html>.

The 2013 Veritas Forum at MIT will take place at 7 p.m. Friday in 10-250. MIT physics professor Max Tegmark and Ard Louis, Reader in Theoretical Physics at Oxford University, will discuss science and faith.

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RingComm disappointed by alcohol discovered at 2015 Premiere

As hundreds of excited sophomores poured out of Kresge Auditorium after Ring Premiere on February 15, some left without enjoying the entire event. Instead, they had been in the bathroom vomiting.

According to Ring Committee (RingComm) Chair Matthew T. Abel '15, "The cleaning staff found alcohol containers in Kresge Auditorium. Additionally, vomit was found in the lobby and in the ladies' restroom." The Ring Committee said they were unaware of alcohol being brought onto the grounds, and did not take precautions. "We didn't consider that people would bring alcohol into Kresge," said Abel.

Joel Pettigrew, program Coordinator for student activities and event management, who works closely with class councils and RingComm, expressed under-

standing that students would want to have fun at the event. Pettigrew and Leah Flynn, assistant director for student leadership and engagement from the Student Activities Office (SAO), said they "reflected on the culture of the event" after the incident. They emphasized that they are most concerned with keeping the tradition of Ring Premiere as an event for students to enjoy the work RingComm has put into designing their Brass Rat.

RingComm and the Student Activities Office have already met to discuss the situation. They focused on what future committees could do to ensure a "safe and respectful environment" for future premieres, according to Pettigrew. Abel said, "Moving forward, the SAO will be working with Ring Committees to appropriately staff and monitor future Ring Premieres."

Flynn also expressed a need for future Ring Committees to set expectations of conduct for the event and make them known to the entire class beforehand.

Pettigrew emphasized that the SAO does not place any blame on RingComm, and that both the SAO and RingComm have expressed disappointment in the behavior exhibited at Ring Premiere. Flynn and Pettigrew said they felt that the students' behavior at Premiere was disrespectful to the Ring Committee and to MIT, especially after "Ring Committee [had] put so much work into planning the event for their class."

In the future, the SAO will work to help take some of the burden of planning and administration of the event off RingComm.

—Isabella C. Wei

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More guns are not the answer. **OPINION**, p. 4

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New details on 787 fire but little headway in inquiry

The first report of a possible fire came from a cleaning worker just minutes after the passengers and crew had left a Boeing 787 jet that had landed shortly before at Logan Airport in Boston. A cleaning worker noticed "an electrical burning smell and smoke" in the back of the cabin, according to a report released Thursday by the National Transportation Safety Board.

A mechanic then saw and smelled smoke there before seeing two distinct flames about 3 inches long at the front of the case holding the plane's lithium-ion battery in the electronics bay.

Other managers reported smoke in the nearly empty passenger cabin that was "intense" and "caustic smelling" before summoning firefighters, who found "a white glow with radiant heat waves" coming from the battery, the report said.

The battery was also hissing loudly and leaking liquids and seemed to be reigniting. Standard fire suppressants had little effect, the report said, and a fire captain's neck was burned, he said, when the battery "exploded."

The new details about the fire were in a preliminary report that indicates that the board has still not made much progress in figuring out why a battery in the new Boeing 787 jet parked at the airport burst into flame on Jan. 7.

—Christopher Drew and Jad Mouawad, *The New York Times*

Students initiate inquiry into harassment reports

The U.S. government has begun an investigation into claims that the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, routinely botched sexual assault and harassment complaints and mistreated victims — the latest in a series of similar allegations against high-profile colleges and universities.

In January, a group that includes current and former students and a former administrator filed a detailed complaint with the Education Department's Office of Civil Rights, after interviewing what the authors say were hundreds of victims, many of whose cases they contend were mishandled.

The university's chancellor, Holden Thorp, said he received a letter Wednesday informing him that the civil rights office was investigating the charges.

Neither the authors of the complaint nor federal officials have made the 34-page document public, and university officials say they have not seen it, though parts of it have been described by the student newspaper, *The Daily Tar Heel*.

—Richard Perez-pena, *The New York Times*

Plan to ban trade in polar bear parts is rejected

BANGKOK — A proposal to ban international trade in polar bear parts was rejected Thursday at a major conference on wildlife trade, highlighting the difficulties of reaching a global consensus on protecting many kinds of endangered wildlife.

The question of whether to upgrade the protective status of polar bears was a leading subject of debate by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, or CITES, which is meeting here in Bangkok.

Others include proposals to extend protection to three species of sharks, manta rays and freshwater sawfish, and to various species of timber.

The polar bear proposal was put forward by the United States but opposed by Canada, Greenland, and Norway, all of which have polar bear populations. A compromise offered by the European Union, which would regulate the trade with export quotas and a tagging system rather than banning it entirely, also was rejected by the convention.

—Bettina Wassner, *The New York Times*

Groups push to allow college students to be armed

By Meagan Pant
COX NEWSPAPERS

DAYTON, Ohio — Joe Smith believes the 9mm handgun he carries is the reason he and his family are alive.

Last September, a man threatened to kill Smith, his wife and their toddler in a mall parking lot. The man said he had a gun, so Smith, 24, drew his and immediately his aggressor fled.

But Smith is not allowed to carry that gun when he attends classes at Ohio State University, where he is president of Buckeyes for Concealed Carry on Campus. And he feels Ohio's ban on guns on college campuses puts him and others at risk, especially in situations such as his mall encounter. "Whoever has the firearm wins the struggle for power," he said. "Thank God he didn't have a firearm and I did."

College campuses across the country have been at the center of the debate over where people should have the legal right to carry concealed weapons since a student at Virginia Tech University shot and

killed 32 people and injured 17 others in 2007. Just more than a year later, a gunman at Northern Illinois University killed five people in a lecture hall. And last April, a former student of a small religious college in California took seven lives.

Now, talks are beginning again with a renewed sense of urgency after the Dec. 14 tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut that claimed the lives of 20 first-graders and six adults and the July 20 shooting at the Aurora Century 16 Cinema in Colorado that killed 12 people.

Ohio is one of 21 states that ban concealed carry at institutions of higher education, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Ohio lawmakers are not presently considering any changes to that rule, but Arkansas, Georgia, Montana, Nevada and Texas are working to change their laws to allow weapons on campuses.

Arguments are made on both sides of the issue: Opponents to concealed carry say college campuses are among the safest places students can be, with their own police forces

to protect students, faculty and others. Proponents say gun-free areas only guarantee that criminals will be the only ones armed.

After the Virginia Tech shooting, the response nationwide ultimately was to tighten gun controls and institute other security measures, including systems to quickly notify students in case of emergencies. When the debate came into the national spotlight again after the Sandy Hook shooting, more than 300 U.S. college presidents signed a letter to U.S. lawmakers opposing concealed carry on campuses.

Kettering College President Charles Scriven, who was among 14 Ohio college presidents to sign the letter, said he fears guns on campus would increase the likelihood of accidents or violent confrontations among students, especially if alcohol is involved. He said he fears it would increase the rate of effective suicides by college students.

"I'm doubtful that the presence of guns on campus would have a salutary effect," said Scriven, whose school of 981 students is considering an active shooter drill later this year.

Pressure mounts on France to overhaul labor rules

By David Jolly
THE NEW YORK TIMES

PARIS — The French unemployment rate ended last year at its highest level since 1999, the national statistics institute reported Thursday, underscoring the urgency of President Francois Hollande's task as he pushes for a far-reaching labor law overhaul intended to encourage new hiring.

The jobless rate rose to 10.6 percent in the October-December period, up 0.4 percentage point from the previous quarter, the statistics agency, INSEE, said, as gross domestic product shrank 0.3 percent amid government austerity measures. Almost 26 percent of young people were classified as jobless, INSEE said.

The unemployment rate has risen for six consecutive quarters, putting pressure on public finances and turning an uncomfortable spotlight

on the Socialist president's campaign promise to get the labor market moving in the right direction by the end of this year.

The answer, the government hopes, lies in a "flexicurity" agreement signed Jan. 11 by employers and unions that would give companies more freedom to hire and fire. On Wednesday, Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault's cabinet endorsed the deal and said it would present it to Parliament for approval this spring.

"This is a win-win deal for businesses that get into trouble, that have to reorganize," Ayrault said, adding that the accord gives companies a tool other than layoffs for addressing their problems.

The agreement, which draws on ideas pioneered in Denmark, a country with one of the world's most flexible labor markets, would probably not have been possible a generation ago, or even under Hollande's predecessor, Nicolas Sarozy. But several years of crisis and economic stagnation have led to an acknowledgement across most of the political spectrum that relatively high labor costs are making it harder for French workers to compete when jobs can easily be outsourced to low-wage countries. Those concerns have been magnified by a recent diatribe against French workers by an U.S. tire company executive, Maurice Taylor Jr., who said he would be "stupid" to invest in a French factory, and a call for a "competitiveness shock" from a former top aerospace executive, Louis Gallois.

Stefano Scarpetta, head of the labor division at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, said the French appeared to be learning from the example set by Germany, where companies faced with a less rigid labor code have better weathered the recent crises and where unemployment, at 5.3 percent, is half the level in France.

WEATHER

Today's storm giving way to a clear, mild weekend

By Roman Kowch
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

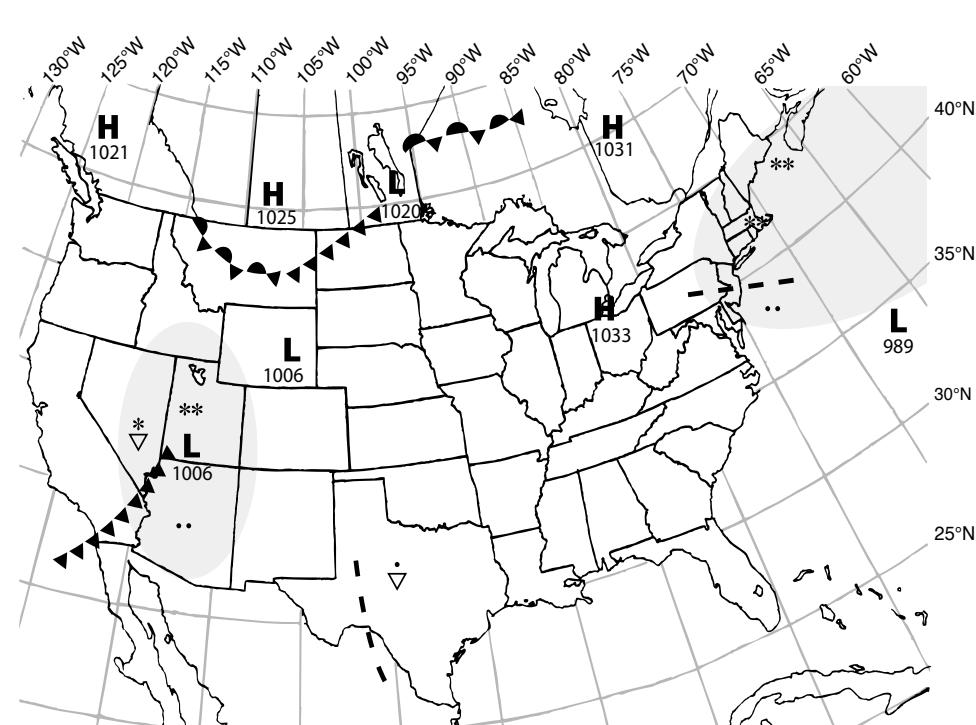
A broad storm system offshore will continue moving further into the Atlantic. The storm's large size, however, will sustain precipitation and strong northerly winds over southeast New England into late afternoon. The light snowfall should end by evening and make the afternoon rush hour less treacherous than that of early morning. The skies will clear overnight as dry air moves in ahead of a high pressure area.

This high will remain over our

region through early Monday, providing sunny skies and above normal temperatures for March. Since winds will remain fairly weak over the weekend, the cold Canadian air mass will not intrude into New England too much. We can expect maximum temperatures to reach the upper 40s (8-9°C) by Sunday and even lower 50s (10-12°C) by Monday. The surge in temperatures will occur ahead of another storm system, expected to arrive late Monday. By that time, the precipitation will be mostly rain, even across northern portions of New England.

Extended Forecast

Today: Cloudy with light snow ending by evening. High 35°F (2°C). N wind at 15-25 mph, gusting to 40 mph.
Tonight: Clearing skies. Low 29°F (-2°C). N wind at 15-20 mph.
Tomorrow: Sunny. High 42°F (6°C). N wind at 10-15 mph.
Sunday: Mostly sunny. High near 47°F (8°C). Low near 28°F (-2°C). Light winds becoming SW at 10 mph.
Monday: Mostly cloudy with showers. High near 52°F (11°C). Low near 33°F (1°C).



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New sanctions imposed on North Korea as it warns of attack

By Rick Gladstone and Choe Sang-hun
THE NEW YORK TIMES

The U.N. Security Council approved new sanctions on Thursday against North Korea for its underground nuclear test last month, in a unanimous vote that came just hours after North Korea threatened for the first time to launch a pre-emptive nuclear strike against the United States and South Korea.

The North Korean leadership, which had warned the Security Council not to approve the sanctions, said it was responding to threats already made against it, citing the U.S.-South Korean military exercises currently under way as evidence the allies were preparing for "a nuclear war aimed to mount a pre-emptive strike" on North Korea.

The tougher sanctions impose penalties on North Korean banking, travel and trade and were passed in a 15-0 vote that reflected the country's increased international isolation.

China, the North's longtime benefactor, helped the U.S. draft the sanctions resolution in what

outside experts called a sign of Beijing's growing annoyance with Pyongyang's defiant behavior on the nuclear issue. The Chinese had entreated the North Koreans not to proceed with the Feb. 12 underground nuclear test, their third.

Both China and the U.S. presented the new constraints as adding significant pressure on North Korea. Whether it will change North Korea's behavior is unknown.

"The strength, breadth and severity of these sanctions will raise the cost to North Korea of its illicit nuclear program and further constrain its ability to finance and source materials and technology for its ballistic missile, conventional and nuclear weapons programs," the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Susan E. Rice, told reporters after the vote.

"Taken together, these sanctions will bite and bite hard," she said. "They increase North Korea's isolation and raise the cost to North Korea's leaders of defying the international community. The entire world stands united in our commitment to the denuclearization of the Korean

Peninsula and in our demand that North Korea comply with its international obligations."

Li Baodong, the ambassador from China, which angered the North Korean government by supporting the sanctions, told reporters that his country was "committed to safeguarding peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula" and that the resolution also stressed the need for resumed talks.

"This resolution is a very important step, but one step cannot make a journey" he told reporters. "We need a comprehensive strategy to bring the situation back to dialogue. We need wisdom, persistence, perseverance."

It remained unclear if China would be willing to go beyond the scope of the sanctions, cutting off fuel shipments and commercial trade that have in the past helped to keep the impoverished country functioning.

The resolution, which was drafted three weeks after the Feb. 12 underground test by North Korea, is the Security Council's fourth against the reclusive government.

Kenya race is challenge for US ties

By Jeffrey Gettleman
THE NEW YORK TIMES

NAIROBI, Kenya — He has been charged with heinous crimes, accused of using a vast fortune to bankroll death squads that slaughtered women and children. His running mate also faces charges of crimes against humanity, and as Kenya's election drew closer, the Obama administration's top official for Africa issued a thinly veiled warning during a conference call, saying that Kenyans are, of course, free to pick their own leaders but that "choices have consequences."

But when the ballot counting began this week, Uhuru Kenyatta, the son of Kenya's first president, surged ahead in the race for president and stayed out front as the margin narrowed early Friday. Soon, the Obama administration and its allies could face a tough choice, made even more complicated by the appearance of taking sides against a candidate who might win.

Does the United States put a premium on its commitment to

justice and ending impunity — as it has emphasized across the continent — and distance itself from Kenyatta should he clinch this election?

Or would that put at risk all the other strategic U.S. interests vested in Kenya, a vital ally in a volatile region and a crucial hub for everything from billion-dollar health programs and U.S. corporations to spying on al-Qaida?

Even the little things could be tricky. Are the U.S. diplomats who interact with the Kenyan government on a daily basis not supposed to shake Kenyatta's hand? What about sharing a dais with him? The British have already stated that they would avoid any contact unless it was essential.

"This is going to pose a very awkward situation," said Jendayi Frazer, a former assistant secretary of state for African affairs. "Kenyatta knows he needs the United States, and the United States knows it needs Kenya."

U.S. officials have declined to discuss publicly what a Kenyatta victory would mean, and several reiterated the rather anodyne vid-

eo message from President Barack Obama in February, in which he said, "The choice of who will lead Kenya is up to the Kenyan people."

But Johnnie Carson, the top administration official for Africa, was not quite so diplomatic when he repeatedly warned soon after that "choices have consequences," which critics say backfired by energizing supporters of Kenyatta and his running mate, William Ruto, driving many to the polls to rally behind them.

"When you inject yourself into an election," Frazer said, "you never know how it will play."

Carson responded, "One comment does not swing a contest."

If he wins the presidency, Kenyatta, who was leading with about 48 percent of the vote early Friday, would become the second African head of state after Sudan's Omar al-Bashir to face grave charges at the International Criminal Court at The Hague. But that does not mean he will meet the same diplomatic isolation as Bashir, who is wanted on an arrest warrant and cannot travel to much of the world.

Bin Laden son-in-law is held by US on terror charges

By Mark Mazzetti and William K. Rashbaum
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — Osama bin Laden's son-in-law was recently arrested in the Middle East, was transferred to the United States and is now in a New York jail, according to two people briefed on the matter.

The son-in-law, Sulaiman Abu Ghaith, a former spokesman for al-Qaida, was taken into U.S. custody in Jordan and will appear in court in New York on Friday, one person said. He is facing numerous charges, including material support for terrorism.

Details about Abu Ghaith's arrest were sketchy on Thursday, but officials said that he was originally detained in Turkey several weeks ago. Reports in the Turkish press said that he was deported to neighboring Jordan, where U.S. officials took him into custody.

Abu Ghaith's capture is a rare re-

cent case in which an al-Qaida operative was detained overseas rather than killed. The Obama administration has expanded the use of targeted killing operations in Pakistan, Yemen and elsewhere. U.S. officials have asserted that targeted killings are approved when there is no possibility of capture.

Jordan's spy service, the General Intelligence Directorate, is the Central Intelligence Agency's closest partner in the Middle East.

Spokesmen for the CIA, the Justice Department, the FBI and the White House declined to comment.

Abu Ghaith, a Kuwaiti, was one of a group of al-Qaida operatives who were detained in Iran during the years after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. The exact nature of their detention was the subject of debate among U.S. counterterrorism officials, with some officials describing their captivity as a kind of house arrest, and others believing that Iran might be using the group to keep open com-

munication channels with senior al-Qaida leaders in Pakistan.

Abu Ghaith, 47, was a Muslim preacher and teacher in Kuwait who spoke out against Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait in 1991. In 2000, he traveled to Afghanistan, where he met bin Laden. Later, he married one of bin Laden's daughters.

He came to wide attention by making statements defending the Sept. 11 attacks in the days that followed, some of them carried on Al-Jazeera, and the Kuwaiti authorities revoked his citizenship in response.

He was frequently quoted as a spokesman for al-Qaida and bin Laden. In 2003, he declared on a website: "We have the right to kill 4 million Americans — 2 million of them children — and to exile twice as many and wound and cripple hundreds of thousands. Furthermore, it is our right to fight them with chemical and biological weapons."

Berlusconi gets one-year sentence over wiretapping case

ROME — Silvio Berlusconi, the former prime minister and dominant political figure in Italy, was convicted and sentenced Thursday to one year in prison for his role in the publication of a wiretapped conversation in a newspaper his family owns.

The verdict, handed down in a Milan court, was the second conviction for Berlusconi, the leader of Italy's main center-right political party, in the past five months. It promises to weaken his position further as negotiations begin this month to form a governing coalition, after inconclusive national elections late last month in which his party, People of Liberty, ran a close second behind the Democratic Party.

After Thursday's conviction, "it will be difficult for Mr. Berlusconi to have an institutional role in the next government, either in the Senate or in any other Italian institution — he's out of the game," said Sergio Fabbrini, director of the school of government at Luiss Guido Carli University in Rome. "But in the Italian public opinion, there won't be any difference," he added. "The country is already divided between those who think he is a criminal and those who think he's a victim. It's been that way for 15 years."

—Elisabetta Povoledo, *The New York Times*

2 Republican senators assail colleague's drones filibuster

WASHINGTON — Sens. John McCain and Lindsey Graham on Thursday assailed Sen. Rand Paul's filibuster of an Obama administration nominee over drone policy a day earlier, suggesting an emerging split in the Republican Party over anti-terrorism tactics.

McCain, of Arizona, and Graham, of South Carolina, who often team up on national security policy issues, ridiculed Paul's suggestion during his more than 12-hour appearance on the Senate floor that the president could order a domestic drone strike on a U.S. citizen without due process. Paul had said that he would try to hold up the nomination of John O. Brennan as CIA director unless the administration answered unequivocally that President Barack Obama did not have that power.

McCain, who was a prisoner of war in Vietnam, noted that Paul had raised the idea that anti-war activist Jane Fonda could have been singled out for a strike during her criticism of that war. He said that claim was unfounded and that the filibuster, which received the backing of members of the Senate Republican leadership, sent a message that was a "disservice to Americans."

"To allege that the United States, our government, would drop a drone Hellfire missile on Jane Fonda, that brings the conversation from a serious discussion about U.S. policy into the realm of the ridiculous," McCain said.

—Carl Hulse, *The New York Times*

UN starts talks to free peacekeepers held by Syrian rebels

United Nations and Arab League officials were reported to be negotiating Thursday with Syrian rebels who seized a group of U.N. troops on patrol in the disputed Golan Heights region between Syria and Israel, seeking to defuse an abrupt escalation of the Syrian conflict that enmeshed international peacekeepers for the first time.

Significantly, Israel signaled Thursday that it had no intention of becoming embroiled in the crisis.

There was no immediate indication when the 21 captives, who are all from the Philippines and were seized Wednesday, might be freed.

"The negotiations are ongoing," said Raul Hernandez, a spokesman for Philippines Foreign Ministry. "This is between the U.N. peacekeeping force and the group leader of this rebel force. We have been informed that they are unharmed and for the time being they are being treated as visitors and guests."

Rebel video on the Internet showed six Filipino soldiers in their camouflage uniform in a room with pale, heavy drapes.

The U.N. observer force in the Golan is responsible for maintaining the calm between Israeli and Syrian troops in the demilitarized zone along Syria's Golan frontier.

Israeli officials have expressed concern about the presence of Islamic extremist groups fighting the Syrian army close to the cease-fire line with Israel. In recent months, Israel has upgraded its troops and surveillance along its northern frontier and is constructing a new border fence.

—Alan Cowell and Rick Gladstone, *The New York Times*

Cardinals hold 4th day of talks on new pope

VATICAN CITY — A week after Pope Benedict XVI formally retired, cardinals assembled in here to choose his successor went into a fourth day of soundings and deliberations Thursday without reaching a decision so far on a date to begin the secret papal balloting known as a conclave, a Vatican spokesman said.

Their deliberations were overshadowed Wednesday by a clash of cultures over sharing information with the news media, with American cardinals facing off against fellow cardinals who had seen American forthrightness as a violation of protocol.

The announcement of a date would foreshadow a process of closed-door ballots among 115 cardinals under the age of 80 who are eligible to vote.

The deliberations are held in the Sistine Chapel and require a two-thirds majority — 77 cardinals — to choose a new pope, a choice signaled by a puff of white smoke and a declaration in Latin: "Habemus Papam!" — "We Have a Pope!"

There is no firm deadline for the cardinals to set a date for the conclave to begin.

Before his resignation became effective, Benedict issued an order saying the balloting could begin sooner than the usual 15 to 20 days after the death of a pope.

Additionally, many cardinals have signaled that they are hoping to return to their home dioceses in time for Holy Week, which begins this year on March 24, Palm Sunday, followed by Easter Sunday on March 31.

—Rachel Donadio and Alan Cowell, *The New York Times*

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**EdX is committed to ensuring rigor**

The Tech has informed me, that in his most recent opinion article, Tea Dorminy raises an excellent basic question about MITx and edX content: is it as hard as the content in an MIT course? *The Tech* has also asked me to respond: I'm delighted to do so.

When we launched MITx and then edX, we were very clear with ourselves that courses must not in any way be dumbed down: courses offered on edX are in fact as rigorous as the on-campus courses, and are generally taught by the same faculty. We believe that this commitment makes edX unique among platforms. In the February 8, 2013 issue of *The Tech*, Ethan Solomon wrote favorably about this online content's rigor. Moreover, I myself have taught 6.002x on edX and 6.002 (Circuits and Electronics) on campus (for many, many years), and I can say that each course is equally hard!

I also understand that Dorminy argues that OCW should be supported by MIT. I couldn't agree more. OCW is a great resource (and in fact 6.002x leverages OCW material), and over the past decade it has been a leader in expanding access to education.

—Anant Agarwal, president of edX

The Tech has invited me to add to Anant Agarwal's thoughts on the issues we have been told are raised by Tea Dorminy's column. I think Tea raises important issues — and I agree with Professor Agarwal's thoughts. I'm very excited by what online learning can bring to the world and to our campus, and I am committed to seeing that the instruction of MIT content is of equal rigor, whether it is done in a classroom or through the Web. Having taught an online version of 6.00 (Introduction to Computer Science and Programming), I can attest that while the presentation of content and interactive problem solving may vary because of the medium, the rigor does not, and the

GUEST COLUMN**MIT must ensure the vitality of OCW**

We can't let budget cuts threaten our greatest service to the world

By Tea Dorminy

With the implementation of the sequester, a swath of federal budget cuts, MIT must answer some tough questions. What is our most valuable service to the world? Our research? Our undergraduates? Graduate students? What is our primary responsibility, and what do we value?

There are many ways to answer this question, but I'd venture to say that most of us would agree that MIT values knowledge and freedom. We never stop trying to learn about what excites us, and we often have the privilege of being able to choose *how* to do so. If we have a responsibility to encourage these values on a global scale, we need to ensure the sustained vitality of MIT OpenCourseWare (OCW).

OCW is the best way to spread knowledge throughout the world. We publish

questions we asked students to solve using online tools were comparable to those we ask of our on-campus students. And let me also echo Anant's enthusiasm for OCW: MIT is committed to it.

—Chancellor Eric Grimson PhD '80

A gun for every student is not the answer

A recent article by Tea Dorminy, which advocated gun ownership among MIT students to protect the community from gun violence, left me jolted in disbelief. The author claimed that if MIT students all had guns, then they would not have panicked when warned of the presence of a gunman on campus. This claim worried me almost as much as last week's warning did. A consequence of this proposition, if realized, would surely be that we won't have any warning the next time someone decides to brandish a weapon with an intention to use it. I don't see how that's not a frightening thought.

Is taking on a gunman yourself really as enticing as Dorminy makes it sound? I was fond of marksmanship and rifle training a while ago too, but I would do anything to avoid a face-off with someone who wants to shoot people, even if I was equally equipped and sufficiently skilled. In fact, I think most people would fall short of being as good as Bruce Willis or Sylvester Stallone at picking up weapons and effortlessly kicking a bad guy's butt. Even if valor was abundant, how exactly does Dorminy propose to put a gun in the hands of every student? I know I probably wouldn't be able to put in the time, diligence, and money required to own one. If there are any others at MIT who feel the same way, allowing ownership and having a partial gun-bearing population on campus would hardly make all of us feel safer.

I'm not the hero Dorminy wants each of us to be, and I would rather not have to try and be one in a situation that is overrun

with villains. Unlike the characters played by Bruce Willis and Sylvester Stallone, we do have the choice of trying to avoid such situations altogether.

—Rishabh Kabra '14

We are too quick to venerate Nate Silver

You give Nate Silver too much credit in saying that he correctly predicted the 2012 electoral outcome in all 50 states and D.C.

From May 31 to Nov. 6, the FiveThirtyEight blog gave 160 daily forecasts for the number of electoral votes that President Obama would win. Not a single one of those 160 predictions turned out to be exactly right. Every forecast understated the president's eventual victory. The closest they came was on Oct. 4, when FiveThirtyEight estimated that President Obama would win 321.2 electoral votes. He won 332. But that was the closest.

In 2004, my colleagues and I published an evolving election prediction in *The Tech*, based on propagating the uncertainty of the state polls. We weren't the first to do this and obviously we weren't the last. We also "called" that election correctly, in that *The Tech*'s final published prediction, on Oct. 29, 2004, was that President Bush was more likely to win, and, lo and behold, he won.

Not that impressive, I agree, but in general there is no great way to judge the accuracy of an estimate for the probability of an event that only happens once. Our model was public and replicable, like the ones social scientists publish every day, but anybody who tries this is going to end up using the same boring textbook methods. Venerating Nate Silver's results because they came from a secret model that seems like magic, exaggerating their accuracy, and calling him a "witch," is the opposite of what good scientists should do. Our job is to dispel mysteries!

—Keith Winstein G

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An article about GIRs in Tuesday's issue incorrectly stated that all the chemistry GIRs are available in the spring. 5.112 is only available in the fall.

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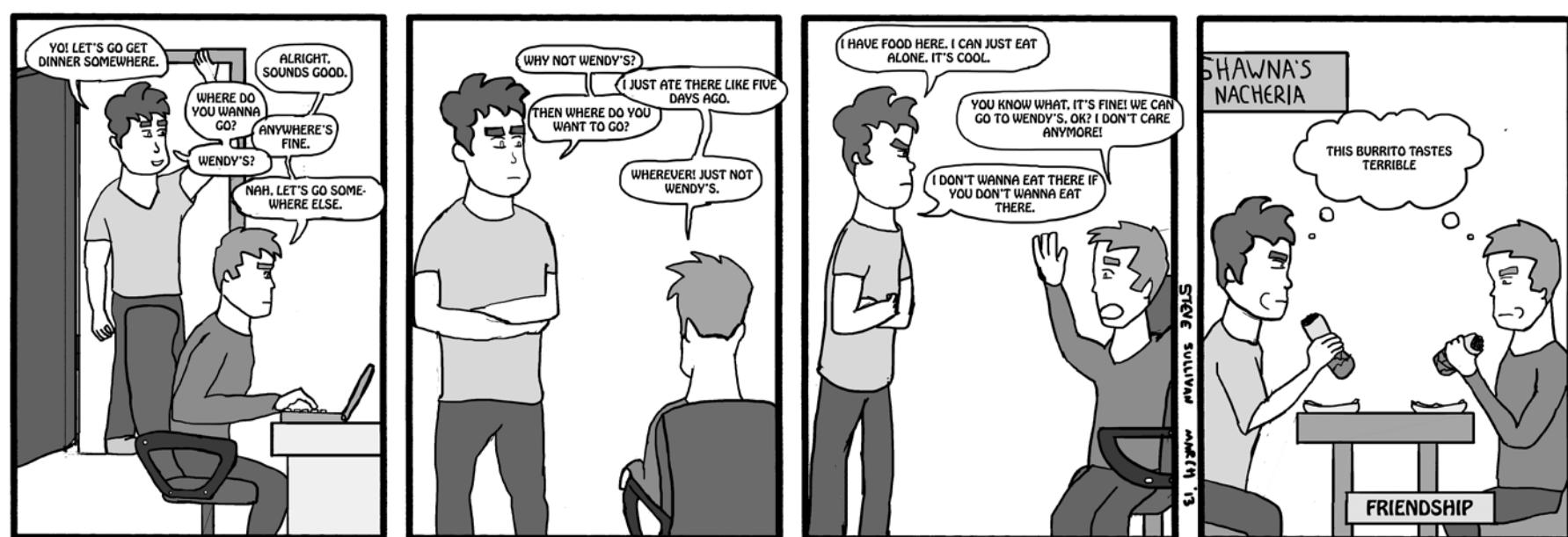
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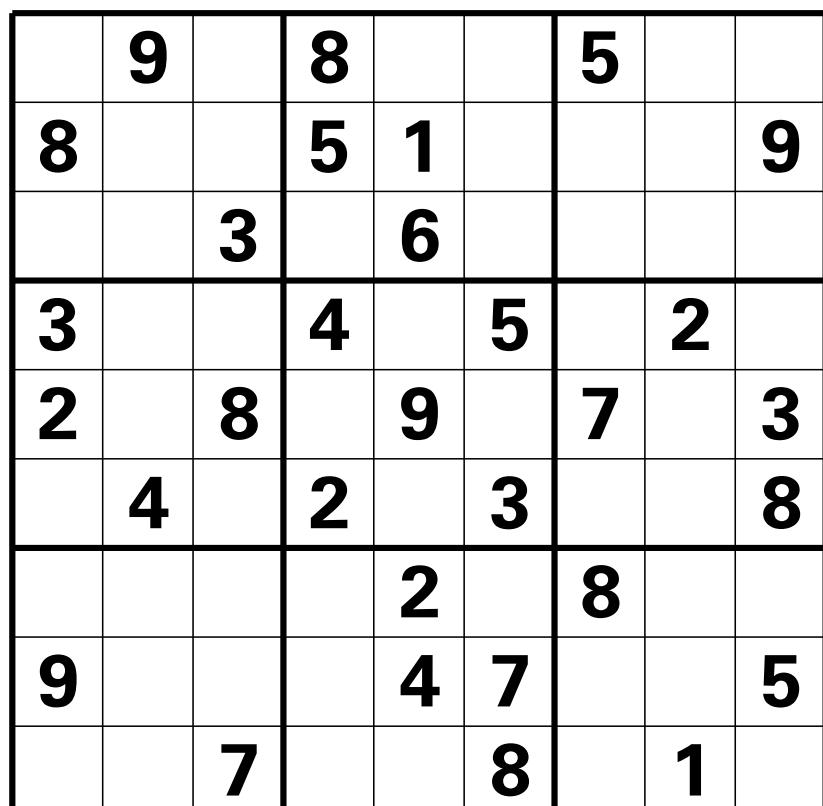
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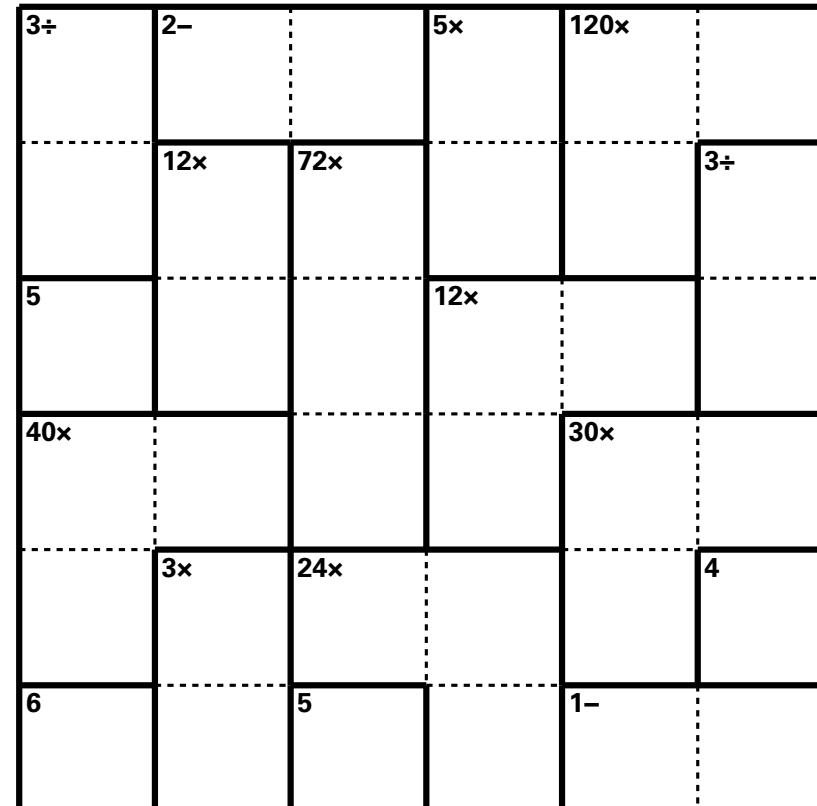
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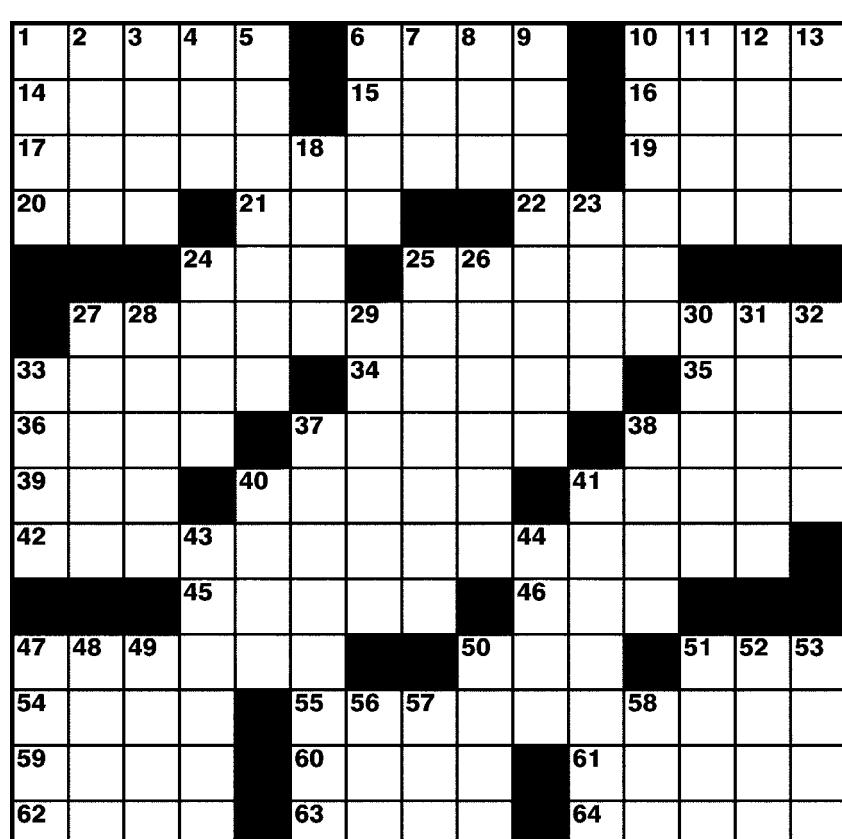
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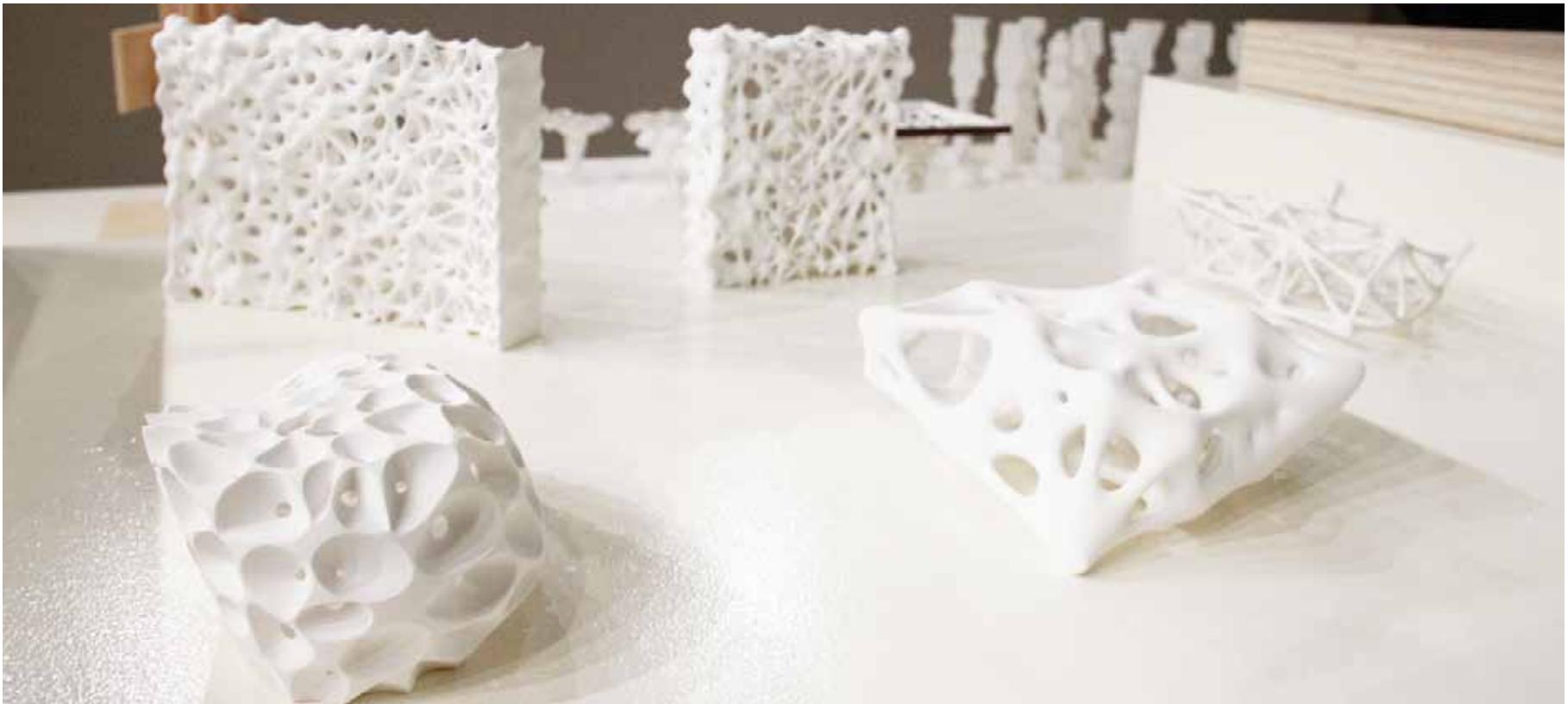
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Design Biennial Boston

- 1. The Design Biennial Boston is a competition that aims to highlight talented designers** in "architecture, interior design, landscape architecture, and urban design," who are emerging as leaders in Greater Boston's design community. The winners of this year's Biennial are: Kiel Moe, Brandon Clifford (Belluschi Lecturer at MIT) of Matter Design, Wilson Martin and Eden Dutcher of GroundView, and Ana Miljacki (Assistant Professor of Architecture at MIT) and Lee Moreau of Project_. Previous work and a site-specific installation by the winners are on display at the BSA Space until May 15th 2013.
- 2. "Helix"** by Brandon Clifford and Wes McGee of Matter Design.
- 3. "Rorschach"** by Ana Miljacki and Lee Moreau of Project_.

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

Puritanical about food

Modern American cuisine in Inman Square

By Edwina Portocarrero

Puritan and Co. excites me. It is not in Harvard Sq., and it is not in Central Sq. It is not in the Back Bay or the South End.

not in the Back Bay or the South End. It is surrounded by Portuguese fish shops and Brazilian salons in up-and-coming Inman Square. This brand-new enterprise by chef Will Gilson (formerly of the Garden at the Cellar), is spacious, but also warm, unpretentiously elegant, and oozing with New England charm. It's a bustling space, where seating is almost guaranteed, and the kitchen is happy to serve you at 10 p.m. — much ap-

environment regardless of the occasion. Its staff members operate like magicians, facilitating a seamless experience. Choose the intimacy of the tucked-away raw bar for catching up with a friend while watching craftsmen at work on desserts; get a table for two when on a date, to be amid the comfort of strangers; sit at the bar while munching on charcuterie and talking work; or get a larger corner table while dining with friends. The devil is in the details, and Puritan seems to know what a difference good lighting and proper acoustics make. Conversations flow and everyone and everything looks delightful.

complimentary potato bread came with just that. In lieu of the oysters (they had run out) we got little raw scallops, teeny-tiny jewels topped with fresh — and I mean fresh — horseradish. While the crude scallops are nice little bites, the baked scallop stole my heart. It was like eating a beautiful microcosmos, as amusing to the mouth as it was to the eye. Colors, flavors, and textures were not only perfectly balanced, but quite unexpected. Pair it with a glass of *Sancerre*, and you are in for a great evening.

It was a fish night for my dining partner and me, and we opted for the two choices they had. In came a perfectly crusted, buttery seared bass, over a bed of potato and lemon puree and a ragout of heirloom beans, drizzled with a delicious citrus nage and accompanied by perfect, bite-sized vegetables. The nage could have been a bit warmer, if only because it was spooned out of the plate until not a drop was left. The cobia, a fish I had never even heard of before let alone eaten, turned out to be a meaty white fish similar to swordfish, and it was clean and simple.

Puritan & Co.

**1166 Cambridge Street,
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**Hours: Sunday – Thursday
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My heart skipped a beat when I saw *Pavlova* in their dessert menu. Crisp, light, and soft: sweetness balanced by a dollop of coconut ice cream and grapefruit and orange citrus. Crumbled shortcake on top made for a delicious dessert.

Puritan features an extensive wine and beer list, which favors local brews, eclectic longnecks, and European wines. Try the beautiful *Priorat* and the *Sancerre*.

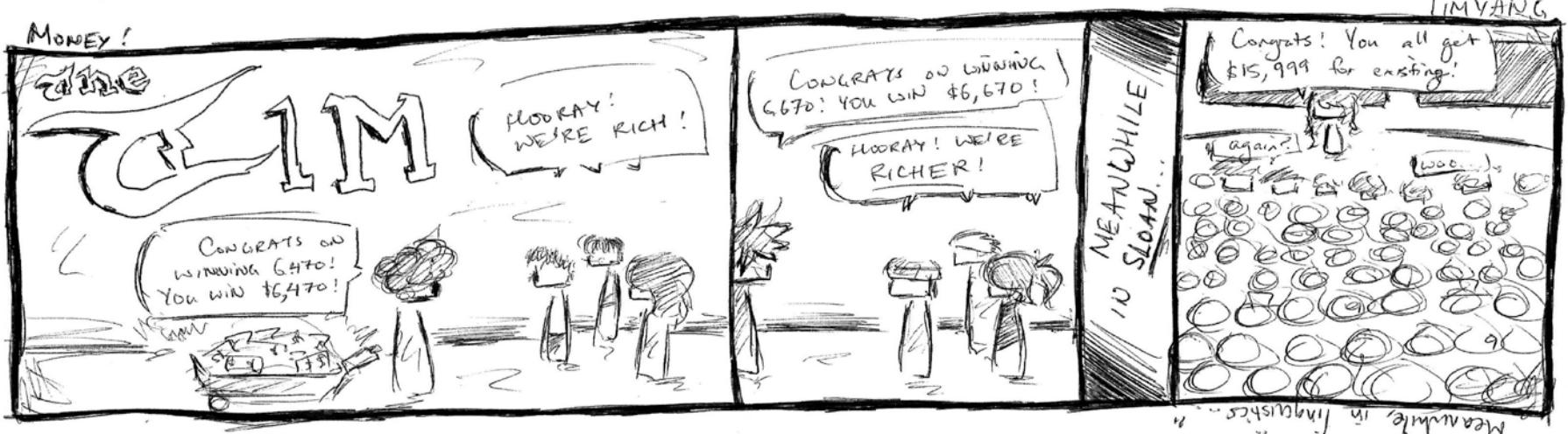
beautiful *Priorat* and the *Sancerre*. Our bodies and spirits left Puritan in the best of moods: satisfied, energetic, happy, and light. Nothing tells you a meal was superb better than that!

preciated by someone living the graduate student life, for whom dinner is whenever work is finished, or the belly can't wait any longer.

Puritan is versatile: it provides the right

But let's talk food! And drink. The menu looks so good, it makes you plan your next visit before you've even decided what to order.

I know good butter when I get it, and the



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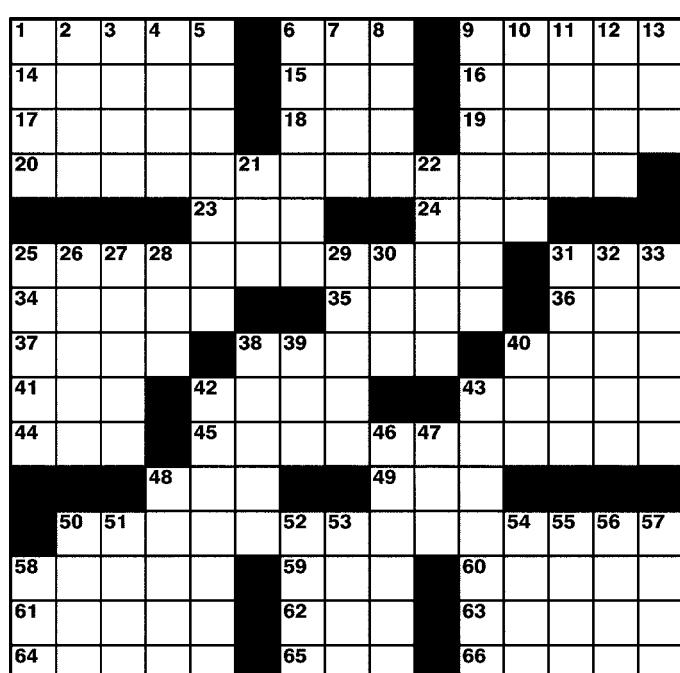
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6.S02 hopes to mix medicine and EECS

Medical devices/EECS major may be several years away from reality

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ing most of the standard Course 6 headers. Chandrakasan said, "The core courses of EECS will more or less stay the same, with some permeation of medical applications," the example being 6.S02. Professor Dennis M. Freeman added that there is already some current permeation from biological applications into the EECS core. "There is currently a module in 6.006 which uses genes

Professor Dennis Freeman says that principles of EECS can be taught with medical applications.

to examine algorithms," he said. The course additions would come in the form of higher-level courses, according to Chandrakasan, "that are in collaboration with other departments such as BCS (Brain and Cognitive Science) and MechE (Mechanical Engineering)." As for how 6-M may differ from 6-7 (Computer Science and Molecular Biology) and Course 20 (Biological Engineering), Freeman said, "The possible major will use a different toolkit to a different set of problems. The 6-7 major really looks at molecular biology while our new major will be looking at medical applications of the core EECS toolkit." Chandrakasan added that while Course 20 majors use thermodynamics and cell mechanics to solve problems, 6-M majors will address medical problems through machine learning and algorithms. In general, the department hopes that more introductory courses like 6.02 will have alternatives such as 6.S02 to get freshman and sophomores interested in medical applications at an earlier stage. The middle of a 6-M's journey would be filled with more standard Course 6 introductory courses, while at the senior level the 6-M curriculum would expand to more advanced classes that are more focused on applications of EECS knowledge to medical problems and devices.

Freeman, who is this semester's 6.01 lecturer, said that basic principles of computer science and electrical engineering can be taught through any number of projects. This year's 6.S02 students will primarily be working with a tabletop MRI in pairs, investigating signals and systems, just as 6.01 students

use a robot to identify basic principles of coding and electrical engineering. The MRI, according to White, is probably the foremost example of how EECS has changed the medical world. Understanding such an imaging device requires a deep understanding of algorithms and signals, among other EECS fundamentals. White hopes that 6.S02 will help change the landscape of medicine. "Why does the MRI cost so much more than an iPhone?" said White. "It's not because the MRI is much more technically complicated, but rather because we just don't train students to work with an MRI."

6.S02 student response

While a number of students find 6.S02 to be a unique and interesting approach, some have taken issue with the bugs in the class. Vineel A. Chakradhar '16 believes heavily in the concept of 6.S02, but less so in how the class is structured. "Many of the modules and labs we do in class have bugs in them. But it makes sense because this class is so new. All of our lecturers in class are extremely qualified and I'm pretty happy with what I'm learning so far," he said. Another freshman in 6.S02, Kaustav A. Gopinathan also sees the potential of Course 6-M. "I think that medicine is going to change rapidly in the next 10 or 20 years. If you're going to be a doctor, having this kind of knowledge would be really important, based off of today's direction of medicine."

While some students find 6.S02 interesting, some take issue with bugs in class labs.

6-M timeline

The actual 6-M major may still be a few years away from being an official major. Chandrakasan says there are still a number of obstacles to jump through in order to get approval from the department, including getting approval from the Course 6 education committee. "Realistically, it looks like the major may not be out for another couple of years," Chandrakasan said. Despite this, White is convinced that the curriculum will have a great impact on MIT students. "Write code, save a life; design a circuit, save a life. That's what 6-M is really all about."

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Telomeres are essential functional components of chromosomes; they protect chromosome ends from recombination and from being recognized as DNA damage. Telomeres shorten with each cell division due to the end replication problem, but are then elongated by the unique DNA polymerase called telomerase. This shortening and lengthening establishes a telomere length equilibrium that is essential for cells to maintain. All cells that undergo many cell divisions have to solve the telomere shortening problem, thus telomerase is required for the extensive cell divisions that occur in cancer cells and in tissue-specific stem cells. Mice that are null for telomerase are initially viable yet they show progressive telomere shortening with progressive generations of inter-bred mice. These mice are excellent models to understand human diseases caused by telomere shortening. To fully understand and potentially treat telomere shortening in disease, it will be essential to dissect the mechanism of telomere length equilibrium maintenance.

Reception to Follow. Open to undergraduates.
Others welcome.



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Dr. Greider received her Ph.D. in 1987 from the UC Berkeley. In 1984, working together with Dr. Elizabeth Blackburn, she discovered telomerase, an enzyme that maintains telomeres, which she first isolated and characterized from the ciliate Tetrahymena. In 1988, Dr. Greider went to Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory where she cloned and characterized the RNA component of telomerase. There, she expanded the focus of her telomere research to include the role of telomere length in cell senescence, cell death and in cancer. In 1997, she moved her laboratory to the Dept. of Molecular Biology and Genetics at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. In 2004 she was appointed as the Daniel Nathans Professor and Director of the Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics. At JHU, Dr. Greider's group continued to study the biochemistry of telomerase and determined the secondary structure of the human telomerase RNA. She has won a number of awards for the work on telomerase, and she shared the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine with Drs. Elizabeth Blackburn and Jack Szostak in 2009.

Part of Random Hall façade in need of serious repair



MELISSA RENÉ SCHUMACHER—THE TECH

Part of Random Hall's façade recently came loose on Wednesday, March 6, and the rest will need serious repair. The white-painted brick wall, once the interior wall between 282 Massachusetts Avenue and a building formerly attached to it, will also need to be braced since it was never intended to be an exterior wall. Repairs are planned to begin during Spring Break and are expected to continue for two to three weeks.

Obama nominates MIT Energy Initiative director

Moniz is no stranger to energy politics

Secretary of Energy, from Page 1

tax, natural gas, and nuclear energy as the world transitions toward more sustainable energy practices.

"The world needs both more electricity and less pollution. The goals are not incompatible, but the solution will require better management of demand, smarter use of coal as well as renewable energy sources, and increased use of nuclear power," Moniz wrote with professor John Deutch in an op-ed for the *New York Times*.

"Given the large amounts of natural gas available in the U.S. at moderate cost (enabled to a large degree by the shale gas resource), natural gas can indeed play an important role over the next couple of decades (together with demand management) in economically advancing a clean energy system," Moniz testified before a Senate committee. "However, with increasingly stringent carbon dioxide emissions reductions, natural gas would eventually become too carbon intensive, which highlights the importance of a robust innovation program for zero-carbon options."

An important technology for extracting shale gas is hydraulic fracturing ("fracking"), which is controversial be-

cause of its potential to contaminate the air and ground water. A report from the Energy Initiative called "The Future of Natural Gas," conducted under Moniz, acknowledged these difficulties but recommended natural gas as a "bridge" until better options are available, drawing criticism from environmental groups like the Food & Water Watch.

The Energy Initiative's industry ties to major oil and gas companies have also drawn criticism from environmental groups. The "founding members" of the Energy Initiative, sponsors with research oversight privileges, include BP, Shell, Eni, and Saudi Aramco.

Work at the Energy Initiative, which includes scientific research, policy studies, education, and campus energy management programs, will continue while Moniz is head of the Department of Energy. "We don't have an indication of who will take over as director of MITEI if Dr. Moniz is confirmed. But in the interim, the Deputy Director Robert Armstrong will take on much of his role," wrote Victoria Ekstrom, a spokesperson for the Energy Initiative, in an email to *The Tech*.

When Moniz assumes his new role, he will join the other MIT affiliate in the Cabinet, acting Secretary of Commerce Rebecca Blank PhD '83.

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MIT cycling team on top after first race weekend

Berlin and Wymbs win their individual time trial races at the Rutgers Season Opener

By Sarah Weir
SPORTS EDITOR

This past weekend, MIT Cycling opened its Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference (ECCC) season in New Jersey at the Rutgers Frozen-Toed Season Opener. In just two days of racing, the team has already shown great promise for the season to come. 21 MIT cyclists competed in an individual time trial (ITT), a criterium, and a circuit race over the weekend and drove MIT to the top of the Team Omnium standing with 206 points.

In the Rutgers time trial, riders raced individually in an attempt to score the fastest time over a two-mile course. Shaena R. Berlin '13 (a Tech meteorologist) won the women's A ITT with a time of 5:08.06, beating out 15 other competitors. Katherine A. Wymbs '14 also won her field, competing against 23 other riders in the women's C race.

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On the men's side, Zachary Ward Ulissi G earned sixth place and Joseph Paul Near G finished eighth in the men's A race. Benjamin M. Woolston G was second in the men's B race, finishing in



COURTESY OF PETER VOLVERS

Zachary Ward Ulissi G competes in the Men's A circuit race at the Rutgers Frozen Toed Season Opener this past weekend. MIT won the Team Omnium with 206 points, over 30 points ahead of second place Penn State.

a time of 4:49.57, and Matthew R. Redmond '13 was second in the men's D race.

The criterium requires speed, strategy, and expert bike-handling skills. Riders must be good at cornering, as the race requires them to go around a short course as many

times as they can in a certain period of time. Some highlights of this race for MIT were Scott A. Burdick G finishing in third place in the men's C race, and Katie F. Maass G finishing fourth in the women's Intro field.

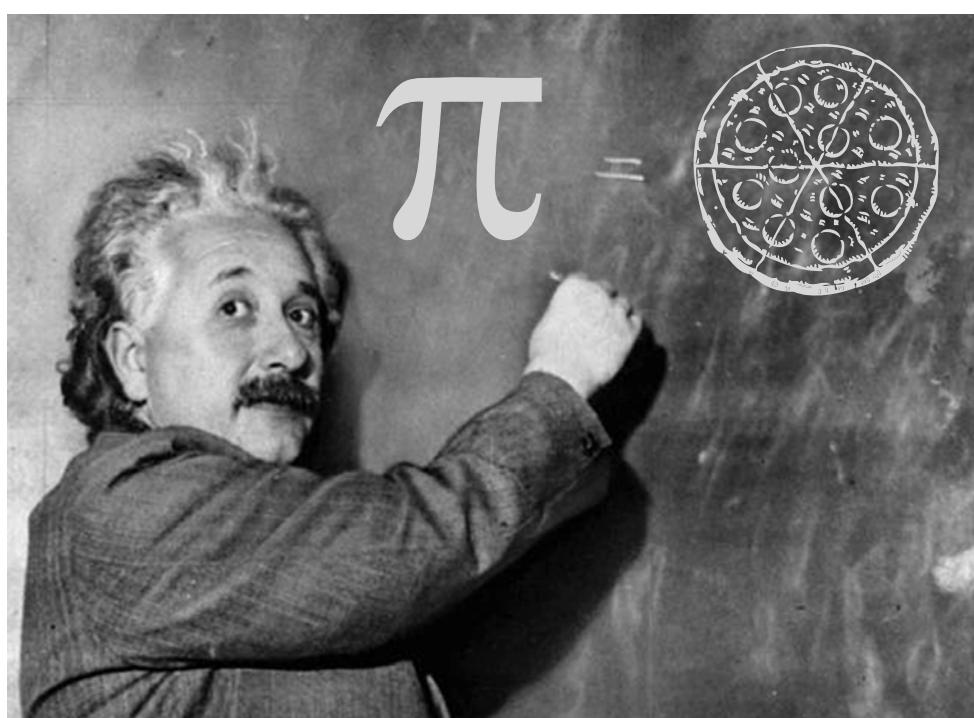
Sunday was another exciting

day for the MIT cycling team, with riders competing in seven categories throughout the day. David Neal Pira Koppstein G finished first in the 13.5-mile men's C race. In the women's C race, Georgia K. Lagoudas G finished fourth after riding for 11.7 miles against 18

competitors.

Overall, it was a promising first weekend for the MIT cycling team. The team will travel to New York this weekend for a criterium and circuit race hosted by Columbia University and Stevens Institute of Technology.

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SPORTS SHORT

Women's Ultimate to host tournament this Sunday

This Sunday, MIT Women's Ultimate Frisbee is hosting the **MIT Invite on Barry**, with five of the six Metro Boston Conference teams. Teams from Tufts, Northeastern, Harvard, Boston College, and MIT will face off in

a round-robin format. Although the Metro Boston Conferences Tournament, the first official tournament in the college series, is over five weeks away, this weekend's outcome should serve as a preview for the season to come.

—Lisa Liu

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Friday, March 8

Men's Lacrosse vs. Norwich University

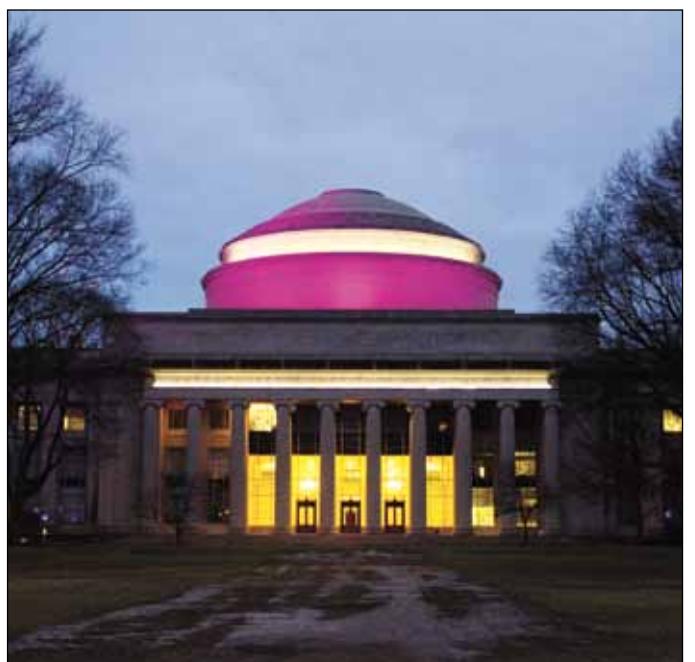
4 p.m. Roberts Field

Saturday, March 9

Men's Tennis vs. Baruch College

1 p.m. J.B. Carr Tennis Bubble

Relay for Life lights up Big Dome



ANNIE JAO
The dome was illuminated with purple light on Tuesday morning in celebration of Paint the Campus Purple Week and to raise awareness for Relay for Life.